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FOR: METHOD OF CHARACTERIZATION OF SURFACE COATING
CONTAINING METALLIC FLAKES AND DEVICE USED THEREIN

Response A

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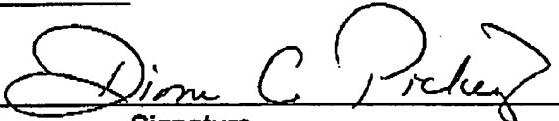
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